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. . . of Alameda County earn six million dollars monthly and are spending their Union wages at home with friends of Labor.

HOLD THE PHONE

by BILL WILLIAMS

Display the Flag—

Today is Flag day.

Display the American flag from your home and office and wear an American flag in the lapel of your coat.



Let's show the world that we Americans are united and that we intend to stay united in the greatest country in the world.

Show your colors today and every day.

A Good Start—

All aliens employed in a Chicago restaurant chain faced the choice this week of getting their first citizenship papers within a fortnight or lose their jobs.

"If they don't take out papers they'll have to look for employment elsewhere," said President R. J. Eitel of the firm bearing his name. "Those who are not satisfied with this country should be shipped back."

Here's a man after me own heart. Only he didn't start early enough. . . . The heat should have been turned on long ago . . . and now we wouldn't be faced with "fifth columnists", communists or subversive elements.

Others should follow the Chicago employers' footsteps.

Should Close Office—

I'm informed that the federal office in San Francisco, the office issuing first papers to aliens, is open every day and until late at night.

Aliens, in this country from five to twenty-five years are now rushing to become American citizens.

Why all the rush all of a sudden? Why wasn't "citizenship rights" thought of before?

These people should be refused their papers and the office of the federal bureau closed on time.

Why should Americans be compelled to work overtime to help aliens here in America for the past quarter century? These aliens didn't think much of America or its citizens to forget for so long . . . so why should we remember them?

Beware of "Fifth Column"—

I'm told about a fire at a certain man's home in Piedmont. When the fire department arrived the home was in flames. The fire fighters were successful in saving much of the furniture and particularly a large trunk.

Opening the trunk, so the story goes, low and behold there was a bundle of nazi uniforms and the swastika and many pictures of the new naval air base in Alameda.

This man, so I'm told, was questioned about his activities by the FBI. He claimed he was an American citizen and had the right to take pictures at any time.

This, my friends, is the type of "fifth column" activities we must guard against.

Another story, I received from reliable sources, is that a group of nazi uniformed men are drilling with broomsticks, in the hills back of Richmond.

Imagine people in America supporting a dictator government such as Germany!!

These same people are always hanging their hats on their constitutional rights in America. But the very form of government they advocate, and receive pay from, does away with that very right.

These people to me are insane and should be put in the "nut house" for safe keeping.

Taking a Back Seat—

Have you noticed how quiet its been on the waterfront lately?

Yes, 'Arry Bridges has taken a back seat since the bill to deport him was introduced in the house. The bill is scheduled to "hit the floor" today . . . and is Bridges and his gang sweating?

Bridges is another of those guys, in America for the past several years, and now wants to be one of us.

I'm wondering why his native land, Australia, hasn't called him to arms? After today maybe they won't have to call him . . . he'll be shipped back.

And to think a certain fellow, with radical leanings, published a book about Bridges and is now trying to sell it. He says the money will be used to help keep Bridges in America. I wonder . . . or is it another racket?

Butchers Strike Two Oakland Firms

For refusing to meet a 10 per cent increase in wages, 25 members of Butchers' Union, Local No. 120 went on strike last Friday at the plants of Swift and Armour companies in Oakland.

Charles Wagner, union business representative, said all other plants are meeting the increase, but that the two mentioned above had refused to meet the union scale.

Meetings are held daily trying to bring about a settlement, Wagner said.

20 NEW MEMBERS INITIATED BY LINOLEUM LAYERS

Twenty new members were initiated into Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers' Union, Local No. 1290 recently, according to Glen McIntire, business manager.

The 20 new members were brought into the union due to an organizing campaign in Vallejo, Napa and Contra Costa county areas, McIntire said. Representatives of the building trades council are assisting McIntire in the organizing drive.

TEAMSTERS REFUSE TO MEET WITH OAKLAND PLAN; PEACE MEETING PLANNED TODAY

Oakland Plan Is Another Industrial Association and Is Prejudiced, Biased and Unfair, Teamsters Say

Possibility of an early settlement of the Oakland teamsters' strike received a set back yesterday when the strategy committee of the union passed a resolution condemning the "Oakland plan" (industrial association) for their vicious attack on the teamsters' union through communications to the employers and merchants of the east bay district. Teamster officials said the scurrilous letters were signed by Guy Wolf, a representative of the so-called "Oakland plan."

These letters, according to Charles W. Real, secretary of the Oakland union, threatened the merchants, should they sign an agreement with the union, they would be accused of "scabbing" on the draymen.

Real further stated that his organization has signed 173 employers to an agreement and these employers, he said, are capable of handling any merchandise anywhere in the state.

Branded As "Prejudiced" Group

The teamsters' resolution branded the "Oakland plan" conciliation group as "prejudiced, biased and unfair." Everyone and everybody but those directly involved in the difficulty are representing the draymen on the "Oakland plan," teamster officials said. With this in view it is utterly impossible to come to any immediate adjustment, they said.

A meeting is scheduled for today in the office of City Manager J. F. Hassler. Federal Conciliator Walter Mathewson will attend.

"If the 'Oakland plan' is represented at the meeting we will refuse to attend," Real said early today.

The Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council gave its unanimous support to the teamsters this week.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR BEGINS FIGHT AGAINST MODESTO ANTI-PICKET LAW

Picket Is Arrested After May's Transfer Is Listed as "Unfair" by Council; Case Taken to Court

The California State Federation of Labor this week began an assault against the legality of the Modesto city anti-picketing ordinance, which Modesto employers have used to hamstring labor organizations.

Charles Sumner, a member of the Modesto laborers' union, was arrested for picketing the place of business of May's transfer, which was placed on the "unfair list" of the Modesto Central Labor Council, because it refused to bargain collectively with the teamsters' union.

Attorneys for the California State Federation of Labor secured his immediate release upon a writ of habeas corpus. The arrest was made personally by Modesto Chief of Police Elmer E. Arrington, for violation of section 623 of the Modesto city anti-picketing ordinance. This section brands all picketing illegal unless fifty-one per cent of the employes in a plant walk out on strike.

Wage scales of May's transfer, according to officers of the Modesto teamsters' union, range twenty cents per hour below the union scale. The company employs five men, two of whom are members of the teamsters' union.

The Modesto Central Labor Council attempted to adjust the dispute but the owner of the transfer company refused to meet with its executive committee. Instead, he sent his wife, Mrs. May, who refused to make any adjustment, leaving the council no recourse but to place May's transfer upon its "We Don't Patronize" list.

Peaceful picketing by Charles Sumner immediately followed, who uttered no sound but merely carried a sign stating that the May transfer was "unfair" to organized labor.

Attorneys for the California State Federation of Labor declare that the Modesto anti-picketing ordinance is unconstitutional and in direct violation of decisions by the United States supreme court and the California supreme court.

Practice in Modesto, they pointed out, has been to import an out-of-town judge to hear labor cases, so that local superior court judges would not have to bear the consequences of obviously illegal decisions.

"The issues in this case are similar to those in the Antioch case, where the California State Federation of Labor was successful in volding the Contra Costa county anti-picketing ordinance," Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur said. "It is our intention to push the Modesto case until that anti-picketing ordinance is also voided."

Carpenters Sign 5-Year Agreement

District Council of Carpenters and Contractors Sign Stabilization Agreement

Stabilization of labor conditions in the building industry took a long step forward Tuesday when the central California chapter of the associated general contractors signed a five-year agreement with the bay counties district council of carpenters.

Under the agreement the prevailing wages and hours—$10 for an eight-hour day—will continue in effect, union officials said.

Although working conditions will remain the same during the existence of the contract, the wages and hours will be open to review in the spring of 1941 and 1943, it was stated. The agreement can be cancelled on one year's notice from either party.

W. C. Tait, who acted as chairman of the joint conference committees in their meetings with the representatives of the bay counties district council of carpenters, stated:

"I feel that this agreement will have a stabilizing effect on the industry. It is proof to the government that both the contractors and carpenters are in favor of the existing wage and desirous of giving the government the best possible service in this, its time of need."

Fourfold Increase of Infantile Paralysis

Infantile paralysis, dreaded scourge of young and old, increased more than four times last year, as compared with 1938, the United States public health service revealed this week.

ATTENTION, PAINTERS!

Two special called meetings, June 20 and 27th, will be held by Painters' Union, Local No. 127.

Both meetings will be held in the A. F. of L. building and are called for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year.

All members of the local are urged to attend. Meetings start promptly at 8 p. m.

LOCAL GLASS WORKERS OFFER NEW AGREEMENT TO EMPLOYERS; MEET TONIGHT IN AFL BLDG.

A new agreement was presented to the employers recently by Glass Workers' Union, Local No. 169. The agreement calls for an increase in wages from $1.21 to $1.25 an hour and one week's vacation with pay after the first year's employment.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon by both parties, results to be announced in next week's issue of the Journal.

Tonight Local No. 169 will meet in regular session to nominate officers for the ensuing term, according to F. M. Lumpkin, president.

IRON WORKERS' PICNIC AT HERMANN SONS' PARK SATURDAY; DANCING AND SPORTS

Tomorrow is picnic day for the membership of Iron Workers' Union, Local No. 378.

The picnic will be held at Hermann Sons' park, Dublin canyon.

There will be sports of all kinds, dancing and a tug of war between the iron workers' and lathers' unions.

Members of organized labor and their friends are invited. Admission is 25 cents per person.

LABORERS' UNION 304 IN ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS TODAY

Polls Open at Noon Today; From 7 a. m. 'til Noon Saturday

The annual election of officers will take place today and tomorrow by Laborers' Union, Local No. 304. Election will be held in the A. F. of L. building on Webster street.

Polls open today at noon and close at midnight tonight; polls open again Saturday at 7 a. m. and close at noon.

All members have been urged to vote by Secretary Lee Lalor.

The regular meeting of the union will be held tonight also, opening promptly at 8 o'clock.

Plumbers, Steam Fitters' Organizer Visits Bay Area

Michael Garrett, international organizer for the plumbers and steam fitters' union, and his bride, the former Marion Smith of Washington, are honeymooning in the bay district and will be here for the next several days.

Garrett has been connected with the international union for the past 45 years; his bride was formerly employed by the international union of operating engineers as secretary.

Besides his organizing duties Mr. Garrett is legislative representative for the union in Washington, D. C.

Several plumbers and steam fitters held a banquet in his honor in San Francisco, Monday evening.

AFL PAINTERS SIGNUP JOB FORMERLY HELD BY CIO GROUP

A painting job at 521 Sycamore street, Oakland, started a week or so ago by CIO (unskilled) painters, was shut down a few days ago when representatives of the A. F. of L. (skilled) painters' union visited the job and explained the reasons why the owner should employ A. F. of L. workers.

Louis Cruciani, the painting contractor, signed an agreement yesterday with the A. F. of L. district council of painters and the job is now proceeding with skilled workers. Al Wahlberg, representing Painters' Union, Local 127, was successful in signing the contractor to the agreement.

Pressmen Call Important Meet For Monday Night

An important business meeting will be held Monday, June 17, by Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, No. 125.

The meeting will be held in Native Sons' hall, 11th and Clay streets, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Chairman D. C. Drew has announced the sick committee for the month. They are, J. G. Tofanelli, A. R. Tofanelli, E. R. Colbourn and J. Moon.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY PLASTERERS' UNION HERE

Officers of Plasterers' Union, Local No. 112 were elected recently for a year's term. They are:

President, Jack Sime; vice president, Jack Elliott; financial secretary, John S. Wood; recording secretary, Bert Clausen; sergeant at arms, George Brain.

Business representative, M. J. O'Malley; executive board John Spalding, Tony Pearson, Lee Gallagher, Herman Hampel, Grover Newcome. Trustees, Tony Pearson, Lee Gallagher and John Spalding.

Says "F. D." Must Run

A demand that President Roosevelt seek a third term, "because he is the only one who can lead us to safety through this terrible world crisis," was voted this week by the convention of the international ladies' garment workers.

AFL Worker Killed in Bus Strike

Investigation Being Made of Thugs and Imported Ex-Convicts

Violence broke out this week in the strike of the railroad trainmen against the Greyhound bus lines.

In the southern part of California, J. P. Pilcher, an A. F. of L. member, was beaten to death. He had been employed by the bus company for the past 18 months and was a member in good standing in the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes of America.

Eight members of the trainmen's union along with well-known ex-convicts were held to answer by police yesterday according to O. A. Rowan, representative of the local union.

Rowan further stated that all busses are running on schedule and that A. F. of L. members employed in the shops have all returned to work.

State Federation Supports Strikers At Kraft Plant

Machinists and Other AFL Groups Place Company On "Unfair" List

Rallying to the support of the 22 striking employes at the Kraft Phenix Cheese plant in Oakland, the California State Federation of Labor and the international association of machinists in state convention last Sunday, voted to place the firm on their official "We Don't Patronize" list.

For the past three weeks the company has refused to negotiate with the milk wagon drivers'union, the union representing the 22 striking employes.

The strike was called at the plant when company officials refused to meet requests made by the union.

The Central Labor and Building and Construction Trades Councils of Alameda county, the food clerks, teamsters and all other A. F. of L. crafts are co-operating with the striking employes and are refusing to purchase the products of the Kraft Phenix company.

Union officials here and elsewhere in California have instructed their membership and friends not to patronize the Kraft Phenix company products in any way, shape or form.

Until a settlement is reached the company will remain on the "unfair" list, union officials say.

Bakers' Auxiliary Sign Two Year Agreement

Increase in Wages Is Granted; Also Vacations With Pay

Bakers' Auxiliary, Local No. 119 signed a two-year contract this week covering all east bay bakeries employing union members. The agreement also provides for an increase of $1.00 a week for all classifications such as bread wrappers, shipping clerks and miscellaneous workers.

The agreement became effective June 10.

San Francisco Local No. 24 signed a contract recently with the California Bakers' association calling for an increase in wages of 3 cents an hour for women workers in all classifications; also one week's vacation with pay.

Men workers receive an increase of 2 cents an hour and a vacation with pay after one year's employment.

SHEET METAL WORKERS TO ELECT WEDNESDAY

Election of officers will be held Wednesday night in the A. F. of L. building by Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216.

Balloting will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

So far the only offices being contested is that of financial secretary and executive board.

The local sheet metal workers' union is one of the best organized in the building trades industry here. Members of the union are all employed under signed contracts. Louis Martin is the business representative.

CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS CONSIDER NEW AGREEMENT AT TONIGHT'S MEETING

Nominations of officers, consideration of a new agreement and other important matters will be the special order of business of Clerks and Lumber Handlers' Union, Local No. 939 when they meet in special session tonight in the Oakland A. F. of L. building.

Meeting will convene at 8 o'clock and L. D. Irwin, recording secretary, has instructed all members to attend.

Election of officers will be held June 28, Irwin announced.

ELECTRICIANS TO HEAR BAKER SPEAK AND ELECT OFFICERS AT MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at the regular meeting of Electrical Workers' Union, Local No. 595, Clark Baker, well known electrical engineer, will address the meeting on "calculations and formulas" of lighting.

Nominations of officers will be in order at tonight's meetings also, according to S. E. Rockwell, union business manager.

PRESIDENT MACDONALD SPEAKS AT LOCAL TRADES COUNCIL

Frank C. MacDonald, general president of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, made an inspiring address on "The outlook of building trades mechanics" at the regular meeting of the local trades council Tuesday night.

MacDonald said that prospects of employment for building trades workers are brighter now than ever before. Employment in shipyards, he said, should reach its highest peak in many years. He recommended that all building trades representatives work in harmony with the metal trades council.

His recommendation was approved by the council.

Auto Mechanics Win Tug of War Contest at Rodeo

In a tug-of-war contest, staged recently at Rodeo, the East Bay Auto Mechanics' Union No. 1546, won the championship of northern California by defeating, through elimfnation, the following teams:

Moore drydock; Golden glow; Selby smelters; C & H sugar; Calspray; Merco Nordstrom, and their enemy of long standing, the powerful Cochrane and Celli team.

The auto mechanics have issued a challenge to any team in the building trades or central labor councils. K. G. Madsen, manager, says "We'll pull for money, marbles or chalk."

Special Meeting of Berkeley Carpenters Tonight; To Vote on Convention Call

Carpenters' Union, Local No. 1158 of Berkeley has called a special meeting for tonight in their regular meeting hall.

Special order of business will be the election of officers and the voting on convention delegates; discussion of the special assessment of 50 cents per month, for six months, will also be in order.

All 1158 members were notified this week by George Hess, secretary, to attend the special meeting.

Five Carpenters' Unions Elect Officers Tonight

Five carpenters' unions will elect officers at special meetings tonight. The unions are:

Local 1473, Fruitvale; 1622, Hayward; 194, Alameda; 1158, Berkeley and Local 36 of Oakland.

Meetings will convene at 8 o'clock sharp followed by the election of officers.

NAPA TO HAVE LABOR DAY PARADE

Tentative plans for a huge Labor day celebration in Napa, the first in many years, were announced this week by the Napa central labor council.

Labor day will be observed with a big parade and an all-day festival, to be participated in by more than 6,000 union members from Napa and Vallejo. This is according to George Bobst, labor leader.

Central Labor Council Offers Support in "Stamping Out" Fifth Column Activities

150 Delegates Pledge Unanimous Support to U. S. Government in Ridding the Country of Subversive Elements

One hundred and fifty delegates, meeting in regular session at the Central Labor Council of Alameda county, Monday night, voted unanimously to support the United States government in "stamping out" the "fifth column" and "Trojan horse" activities in America.

The resolution passed by the council viciously attacked "those in our midst" who are doing everything possible to tear down our democratic form of government.

The resolution, presented by the executive board, is as follows:

Whereas, The president of these United States of America has recognized in the activities of certain groups, the menace to our democratic form of government through their "fifth column", Trojan horse" and subversive activities; and,

Whereas, The president of these United States has called upon congress to enact adequate legislation to deal with any person or group of persons who engage in un-American activities, and the registration of all aliens; and,

Whereas, The Central Labor Council (A. F. of L.) of Alameda county, California, has, since its inception, fostered and fought for the maintenance of democracy in government; and

Whereas, Said central labor council believes that the subversive element in our country should be controlled; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Central Labor Council of Alameda county hereby goes on record in support of the passage of proper legislation for the control of the "fifth column", the "Trojan horse," and registration of all aliens in the United States of America and its possessions; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the president of the United States, our congressmen from this district, and the press.

Union Finds Group Insurance Racket in Eastern Company; $75,000 Returned to Workers

"The curiosity of an A. F. of L. worker in the plant of the Monsanto Chemical Co. broke up a group insurance racket and forced the company to give its employes more than $75,000 that had been withheld during a ten-year period," says the Federated Press.

"About a year ago W. H. Stafford, chairman of the legislative and educational committee of Federal Local 20032 was designated by the union to find out how the company's group insurance plan worked.

"All the employes knew was that they paid fixed monthly premiums of $1.25 and up, depending on wages, for $1,000 life insurance with sickness and accident benefits. Only workers earning between $52 and $72.50 a month paid the $1.25 rate; those earning from $130 to $150 monthly, for example, were assessed $1.95.

"These rates were supposed to represent only part of the premiums, the rest being borne by the company, whose president is Edgar M. Queeny, a vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers. But whenever Monsanto employes asked just how much the company paid, the answer invariably was, 'A substantial portion.'

"Stafford enlisted the aid of President Reuben G. Soderstrom, of the Illinois State Federation of Labor in his fact-finding job. He also consulted the Illinois state department of insurance, which in turn wrote to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and finally obtained the figures from Vice President Charles G. Taylor, Jr.

"The statistics made Stafford gasp. First of all, the 'substantial portion' that the company had been paying turned out to be only 20 per cent. Second, the Metropolitan had paid dividends on the policies almost every year, and for the years 1937-39, inclusive, the dividends totaled $70,419.

"Not a nickel of these dividends had ever been turned over to the policy-holders. And in one year (1938), Monsanto had received $40,323 in dividends, while its contribution to the premiums was only $28,970 out of the $116,334 total paid to Metropolitan.

"Technically, Monsanto was within the law, for the policies had been prepared so that the company was entitled to receive the dividends. But the paternalistic plan actually worked out in 1938 so that Monsanto netted $11,353 through the employes' premium payments.

"Monsanto executives turned pink behind the ears when the union publicized its findings. Then the big shots went into a huddle, and hatched a brand new magazine on slick paper, called Monsanto News and 'published for the employes of Monsanto Chemical Co.'

"First issue came out March 30, and the front page headline was: $75,000 INSURANCE DIVIDEND. The story said that checks would be mailed to employes in the middle of April, and explained that 'for some time the company has held it (the accumulation of dividends) in a special fund to be used in some way for the benefit of its employes, but no suitable plan has been suggested. . . . Therefore, the company has decided to make a cash distribution to its insured employes.'

"Union leaders ridiculed the company's pretense that it had recognized the employes' claim to the dividends all along. They pointed out that Monsanto was also willing to make payments to 'former employes who carried this group insurance, upon satisfactory proof of identity.'

"Stafford believes that many thousands of group-insured workers in other industries may have been deprived of their dividends."

Red Cross Makes Appeal for Funds

AFL Unions Make Substantial Contributions To Worthy Cause

All American Federation of Labor unions were called upon this week to support the American Red Cross in their campaign for funds.

The appeal for support was made by James H. Quinn, president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council and labor's representative on the board of directors of the Oakland chapter, American Red Cross.

Quinn said:

"Every A. F. of L. union in Alameda county should answer the appeal of the Red Cross by sending in a check for as much money as possible.

"The needs of the Red Cross are greater now than ever before and it behooves every union and every trade unionist to give as much money as possible to this worthy cause.

"American Federation of Labor unions have always responded in the past and I'm sure they will not fail during this drive."

Many unions have already responded with large checks and many more will act on the Red Cross request at their meetings this week.

1,600 FOOD CLERKS SUBSCRIBE TO EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

Over 1,600 members of Retail Food Clerks' Union, Local No. 870, is the latest group of unionists to subscribe, in a body, to the East Bay Labor Journal, the official publication of the A. F. of L. in Alameda county.

With the addition of the food clerks the Journal subscription list now numbers well over 20,000. Other large organizations, recently organized, are planning on subscribing to the Journal so as to be thoroughly informed on labor activity throughout the entire country.

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FOOD CLERKS' NEWS

A. F. of L.

by JIM SUFFRIDGE

As this is the first issue of the Labor Journal sent to the homes of all members of this local, perhaps an explanation would be in order.

At the last regular meeting held on June 11, the membership ratified the recommendation of the executive board that each member of the union be sent the Labor Journal each week at the expense of the general fund.

Election Committee

The election committee reports the following results of the general election held June 10, 1940, and declares the following candidates elected: President, Russell W. Nathan; first vice president, R. Heeren; second vice president, Harris Wilkin; secretary-treasurer and first business representative, James A. Suffridge; recording secretary, Inez Grant; second business representative, C. C. Nelson; third business representative, Vincent J. Calin; fourth business representative, Homer Capps.

Guide, Ethel Lewis; guardian, Wendell Nutting; trustees, H. Smith, R. Heeren, and S. Sunseri; executive board, H. Smith, C. C. Nelson, V. J. Calin, G. Gallagher, C. Omstead, and E. Lewis in addition to the five constitutional officers.

Baseball

After having its face lifted and with a few minor alterations, the local ball club is coming along in fine style, even though the California giants (class A colored team) stole the game last Sunday with a score of 9 to 8. The highlights of the game were the sensational fielding by Manager Joe Morenco, and the home run in the fifth inning by catcher Centivich.

Next game: Sunday, 12:30 p. m., Diamond No. 2 Bushrod park. Food Clerks vs. Bushrod Oaks. Come out and give your team a boost. (No admission charge.)

Local 648 Signs Agreement

The San Francisco Food Clerks' union signed an agreement for two years effective June 1, 1940. Although the provisions of the new agreement are rather complicated, they are in brief: A continuation of the 54-hour week until September 1 of this year at which time they automatically go on a 49-hour week until June 1, 1941. On June 1, 1941, the 48-hour week will be in effect for the following year. The weekly wage scale agreed upon was managers $40.00; clerks $30.00 and $24.00.

Members Sick

Members: Hazel Winter, Ellen Armstrong, Lillian Alves, Earl Laux, Alvie Claiborne, James Kinney and Wallace Turner are now on the local sick list and are visited weekly by the officers of the union. Anyone wishing to visit them may obtain their address from the union office.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting June 25, 1940—labor temple. Watch this paper in the future for official meeting notices.

Deaths

Our last meeting was adjourned in memory of the late Brother Robert C. Grisby, who passed away June 4, 1940. Mrs. Grisby offers her sincere thanks for the $600 benefit check received from the local.

Mail items of interest for this column to the union office.

Afterthought

Where's your union button? I know! The laundry man got it!!

Anti-Trust Prosecution Of Union Officials Hit

Plans for a pilgrimage to Washington to protest against the indictment of labor union officials under the anti-trust laws were mapped by representatives of 65 locals of the international brotherhood of electrical workers during their three-day conference in New York. Delegates also decided to increase apprenticeships in the electrical trade if a shortage of workers should develop in the new national defense program.

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Facing the Facts

with PHILIP PEARL

Law and justice, even in enlightened countries, sometimes are poles apart. Never was this truth so strikingly illustrated as in the recent supreme court decision on the hours of work applicable to trucking and bus employes.

The majority ruling, in which five of the so-called "liberal" members of the court joined, was hailed in labor circles because it so construed the law as to give thousands of trucking and bus employes a maximum 42-hour week under the wage-hour act. Hitherto these employes were subject to a 60-hour maximum work week as set by the interstate commerce commission.

The supreme court held that only employes upon whose work the safety of operation depends are subject to the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

Thus, the law as interpreted by the supreme court, now produces this effect:

1. Clerical workers, mechanics, helpers, loaders and other employes of motor transportation companies, whose work does not affect safety of operation, cannot be employed more than 42 hours a week.

2. Truck drivers and bus drivers, upon whose alertness and generally good physical condition the safety of operation chiefly depends, can be employed as much as 60 hours a week.

This may be good law, but it is just plain ridiculous in fact.

THE I. C. C. MUST ACT

Of course, we do not mean to criticize the supreme court's decision. We think it did a fine thing in going as far as it did. In fact, we think it went as far as it could. The responsibility for the present absurd situation rests upon the members of the interstate commerce commission.

Certainly, it is about time that the members of this commission woke up to present day facts. The 60-hour week is a vicious anachronism, a relic of the wage-slaving past. It should be discarded as quickly as possible.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the teamsters' union, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, have appealed in vain to the interstate commerce commission to junk its outmoded hours regulations and get in step with modern developments. If the supreme court of the United States can recognize the justice of organized labor's demands for the shorter work week, surely a bureaucratic commission ought finally to see the light of common sense.

The decision of the supreme court was a fine thing for the clerical workers, the mechanics, the helpers and the loaders in the motor transportation industry. Simple justice and the requirements of safe transportation should make the interstate commerce commission realize that the shorter work week also must be extended to the men who are responsible for the lives and safety of passengers and freight, the men who sit at the wheel of motor vehicles, traveling the nation's highways.

SCOPE OF ANTI-TRUST LAWS DEFINED

Another supreme court decision, handed down the same day, calls for comment. This was the court's ruling in the Apex hosiery case.

Careful reading of the opinion in this case leads to the inescapable conclusion that the court now recognizes that the Sherman anti-trust act is not an instrument for policing interstate commerce but rather an act calculated to remove a specific economic evil resulting from trusts and business combinations which control markets by monopolistic practices.

The best part of this decision is the fact that it greatly curtails the applicability of the Sherman act to labor unions and their activities. True, the court did reject the theory that the Clayton act entirely exempted labor organizations from prosecution under the Sherman act. But the court declared that the applicability of the act to labor unions is severely limited.

The only possible circumstance, under this decision, in which labor unions may be prosecuted for violation of the anti-trust laws is when they are used by a combination in an industry to effect fixing of prices or creating a monopoly.

Thus, the vast bulk of the indictments brought by Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold against labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor appear to have been effectively squelched by the supreme court.

The American Federation of Labor does not defend collusion between unions and industry to fix prices or kill competition. If such practices exist, they should be wiped out immediately by the unions involved. Otherwise, those responsible should be punished to the full extent of the law.

$43,300,000 PAID JOBLESS WORKERS; 62,364 MORE ON OLD AGE PENSION LIST

Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator, said the social security board reports show that 961,000 insured workers received unemployment benefits during April as compared with 1,095,000 in March. The total amount of benefits paid in April was $43,300,000, representing a ten per cent drop from the previous month.

Since the first of the year Mr. McNutt said 62,364 names have been added to the social security board's contributory old age pension list. In making these figures public he noted that the number of claims from retired workers over 65 and from their wives was exceeding advanced estimates by nearly 20 per cent. The average payments to retired workers was slightly more than $20 a month, and to wives it is less than $12, he revealed.

Taking up government activities in locating jobs for the jobless Mr. McNutt announced that public employment offices in 46 states increased job placements of more than 20 per cent in April as compared with March. A total of almost 300,000 jobs were found for workers, of which about 250,000 were in private industry.

SENATE BILL BANS LABOR SPIES

Amendments to La Follette Bill Would Also Limit Jobs for Aliens

The senate by a vote of 47 to 20 passed the La Follette civil liberties bill designed to stop the use of labor spies and abolish the shameless business of professional strike-breaking.

Before the final vote was taken the senate adopted a number of amendments, including two by Senator Robert R. Reynolds (Dem., N. C.), making it illegal for employers to retain on their payrolls communists, fascists and nazis, and providing that not more than 10 per cent of the employes of a concern engaged in interstate industry shall be aliens, except where the supply of citizens is inadequate.

The exception was made to take care of the beet sugar industry, which western senators declared depends largely upon aliens to plant, cultivate and harvest beets.

Propagandists Busy

From the day of its introduction, the legislation has been bitterly opposed by employers' organizations, private detective agencies and other anti-union business groups. During the past 10 days the mail of senators has been heavy with demands that the bill be sidetracked.

The part of the bill that survived senate consideration makes it unlawful for employers to employ any person or agency to secure information with respect to the plans or activities of their employes concerning self-organization; to engage strikebreakers; to employ as a private guard any person who acts as a peace officer while armed and while absent from the employers' premises; to possess or use industrial weapons such as gas, sawed-off shotguns and machine guns.

The measure now goes to the house of representatives for consideration.

20 Million Members In AFL, Green Predicts

In a stirring appeal for a renewed drive to organize the unorganized, President William Green told the New England labor conference he envisions a membership of twenty million working men and women in the American Federation of Labor "in the not-too-distant future."

President Green reported to the delegates that the present duespaid membership of the A. F. of L. is the highest in its history and declared the federation is stronger "numerically, financially, politically and in every other way" than ever before.

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WHAT I HEAR AND SEE AROUND THE LABOR TEMPLE

By A. ROUNDER

I wonder if a certain secretary of an east Oakland union is as smart as he thinks he is? Last week I mentioned about this guy leaning to the dual "CIO group." The other night he showed his colors by openly supporting the dual organization. Tonight is election and I hope the well-thinking members of this important union will give this CIO supporter the go by. If he wants the dual union let him join it. He's bad coffee in the A. F. of L.

I wonder how come Charlie Roe of the carpenters' union in Hayward is always showing the label on that new suit he just bought? At first he couldn't find the label, now he has it sewed on the front of his vest . . . and I hope it's an A. F. of L. label not a CIO amalgamated garment workers, Charles.

I wonder how come all the young ladies in the labor temple are displaying a certain type of cigarette lighter? This lighter is a statue of a nude girl mounted on a small wooden box. If you sell enough punches on the punch board you'll get one free. It's a secret how you light your cigarettes from this "beautiful lighter", isn't it girls?

I wonder when Gib, the steamo, is going to buy . . . one for the house? It's been ages and ages, Gib, why not loosen up?

I wonder what "steno" employed in the labor temple always looks up and down the street at lunch time hoping to see one of the B. A.'s that will take her to lunch? It's not a bad idea . . . but please remember, "steno", most all the B. A.'s are married and I'd hate to see a hair-pulling contest in front of an A. F. of L. building.

I wonder what B. A., who after arguing all day with the employers about union conditions, keeps his "stenog" working during lunch time and after 5 p. m.? He says he's giving dictations. And while I'm at it, Ernie, how about those non-union cigars (Van Dykes) you smoke?

I wonder if that large union in the C. L. C. is ever going to take my tip and increase its per capita tax at least 50 per cent? If you want conditions you must help pay the freight . . . so why not loosen up?

I wonder if I'll get killed for writing the above? You'll know if I'm not in next week's issue of the Journal.

House Adopts Schulte Bill For Firemen's Retirement

The international association of fire fighters scored an initial victory when the house of representatives passed the Schulte retirement bill.

This measure, which now goes to the senate for approval, provides for voluntary retirement of firemen and policemen in the District of Columbia after twenty-five years of service on half pay.

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Plaque Unveiled In Honor of N. Y. Electricians

Mayor LaGuardia Pays Tribute to Electricians Who Made Supreme Sacrifice in World War

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia last week unveiled a bronze plaque in honor of the 1,400 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, who served in the world war, at union headquarters, 130 East 25th street, New York city. A large audience consisting of labor leaders, members of the union, and others participated in the dedicatory exercises.

The seven-story building which houses the offices of the union was decorated with flags and bunting. Streets adjacent to the scene of the ceremonies were blocked off and traffic rerouted.

Legion Presents Plaque

The plaque was presented to the union by the American Legion Electrical Construction Post, No. 1137, composed exclusively of members of Local 3, who served in the last world war. The inscription on the plaque read:

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Green Pledges President Labor Will Help National Defense

Reports to President That No Skilled Labor Shortage Exists

President William Green gave his personal assurance to President Roosevelt at a white house conference that the American Federation of Labor will co-operate fully with the government in the national defense program.

Mr. Green was in Louisville, Ky., to address the convention of the international association of theatrical and stage employes, when he was summoned by telephone to the white house. He made a hurried trip to Washington to keep his appointment with the president.

After his conference with the president, Mr. Green told newspaper reporters at the white house:

"I gave the president my personal pledge that the American Federation of Labor will co-operate in every way with the government in making the defense program a success.

"I told the president there was no shortage of skilled labor in this country. I reported to him that a survey made by the American Federation of Labor indicated that many thousands of skilled workers who are members of trade unions are still unemployed."

Mr. Green also suggested to the president that if the need arises there are additional thousands of skilled craftsmen who have retired because of age but could be called back to service in an emergency. He added that the apprenticeship and vocational training program conducted by organized labor could turn out a new force of qualified workers.

In his Louisville address, Mr. Green declared organized labor would support any United States movement to protect Canada from invasion. He said:

"The A. F. of L. stands united with its brothers in Canada and is sympathetic towards them. Their interests are our interests, their welfare is our welfare when it comes to defending the American continent and the Monroe Doctrine.

Mr. Green challenged recent activity of Thurman Arnold, of the department of justice who has been seeking indictments against several labor unions for alleged violations of the anti-trust laws.

"The supreme court has refused to go as far as the department of justice desires to go in prosecuting labor unions," he said. "We hope through interpretation by the court to save our unions from being subjected to these anti-trust laws."

LOW-COST HOUSING FOR 16,509 N. Y. Families

Gerard Swope, in his first report as chairman of the New York city housing authority, announced that when the housing projects in the city under construction or about to be constructed are completed, low-rent apartments will be available to 16,509 families. This includes the 8,914 apartments available in the public housing developments already completed.

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AUXILIARY NOTES

How the Women Are Helping Through their Organizations

Labor Temple Auxiliary

FATHER'S DAY GREETING

From President Daisy Chilson, "With all good wishes to you on Father's day."

INSTALLATION

Installation will be Saturday evening, June 22nd, 6:30, at labor temple. The committee met with Chairman Edna Paterson at her home, Thursday evening, June 13th, to complete the arrangements for installation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Next business meeting is July 2nd, 8 p. m., labor temple.

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TESSIE O'LEARY, Sec'y.

Carmen's Auxiliary No. 192

Ladies' auxiliary to Carmen's Union Division 192, will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Hall No. 2, Labor temple, 2111 Webster street, Oakland.

All members are urged to be in attendance, as important matters will come before the meeting.

Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

Father's day.
I know he's growing older,
For his hair is turning gray;
But I'll love him—oh, forever
Just the same as I do today!
I may have the pals forever—
So sweet and good and kind,
But no one can ever mean
more to me,
Than that darling old "daddy"
of mine!

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 7TH

A short business meeting was called by our president, Ruth Thompson, who led us in a salute to the flag. America was sung by all the members present.

Mrs. Aileen Byrne, a bride of a week was initiated into the auxiliary.

Mrs. Veronica Walsh, in whose honor this farewell party was given was introduced and presented with a corsage. She thanked the members and stated she was sorry to leave and hoped to be back with us again. She is leaving for Montana.

Meeting adjourned with the singing of "God Bless America." Heleny Lindahl, organist. After which games were indulged in and refreshments served. Awards of the evening went to Annie Ragen, consolation award to Nathalie Stenling.

FAREWELL PARTY

On Friday, June 7th, after the meeting of Auxiliary No. 160, the members and husbands of Local No. 36 and Millmen No. 550, had a farewell party in honor of Veronica Walsh and Brother James Walsh, of No. 36, who are soon to move to Montana. Delicious refreshments were served of individual strawberry short-cakes and hot coffee. Pretty mixed flowers with center strips of colorful crepe paper artistically arranged, made the tables very attractive.

Veronica Walsh was presented with a pin, an emblem of our auxiliary by President Ruth Thompson. Sister Walsh thanked the president and members for the pin, said she would always wear it and think of them.

Remarks from the members, wishing Brother and Sister Walsh and family a pleasant stay in Montana. After many good-byes and hand shaking the members departed for home. The committee, with Chairman Theresa Michelson, Bernice Jones, Leola Lundbery and Charlotte Dial, deserves a word of praise for the way they put this party on.

Veronica, "'Tis hard for us to tell, as you go among friends anew, and friendship ties grow strong and true. Remember all your auxiliary sisters (No. 160) today, to-morrow, to the end."

THREAD AND NEEDLE CLUB

The "thread and needle club" met Thursday, June 6th, for a luncheon and to embroider pillow-slips for our whist at the home of Bernice Christianson. A dainty lunch was served of fruit salad, assorted sandwiches, potato chips, relishes, coffee and cream, tapioca pudding. The table was very attractive with a wooden tray centered with colored gum drops and hors d' oeuvres and olives.

Those present were President Ruth Thompson, Chairman Betty Schumate, Diana Holder, Esther Leibinger, Annie Regan, Margaret Burchalter, and Tessie O'Leary. Next meeting at Tessie O'Leary's, July 11th.

BLUE BIRDS

Father's day is Sunday June 16.

MEETING

Next meeting of No. 160 will be nominations and election of officers, June 28th. Installation of officers, July 12th.

SYMPATHY

Ladies' Auxiliary of Carpenters, No. 160, extends their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Brother Charles E. Barney of Local No. 36.

TESSIE O'LEARY, Press Cor.

Typographical Auxiliary No. 26

Regular business meeting of No. 26 was held June 6th with President Ewing presiding. Mrs. Chilson was assigned to fill vacancy of vice president's chair on absence of Mrs. Forester.

One new member, Mrs. Mildred Troth, was obligated. We welcome Mrs. Troth to No. 26 and hope many others follow in her footsteps.

We were pleased to see some of our members who have been absent for some time back with us again, Mrs. C. C. Craddock and Mrs. Walter Seward. We hope they will attend regularly and that many more will follow their example. Mrs. J. F. Patterson was with us again after an absence of some time on account of illness of Mr. Patterson; she brings splendid reports that Mr. Patterson is much improved and on the road to recovery. Sorry to know of the illness of Mrs. E. H. Jernigan and hope she is much better at this time.

Reports from different committees were very satisfactory to President Ewing. The hard working ways and means committee, with Mrs. Hary Gray, chairman, and entertainment committee, with Mrs. Geo. Stiffler, chairman, is making splendid progress under this administration; one whole day session is held each month by the two committees combined, many lovely gifts are being made, all hand work. The meeting for June was held at the home of Mrs. Stiffler.

For the educational program President Ewing read a very interesting article on the celebration of the 500th year of printing.

No. 26 completed plans for a picnic to be held at Dimond park, July 17th. Keep in mind the date and bring the children for an all day outing; the entertainment committee is planning games and races for which awards will be given the children.

Much time was given to discussion on the coming dinner which will be given on November 2nd. Your correspondent will give more details as time goes on. Mrs. Chilson accompanied by Mr. Chilson, attended the beautiful installation of officers of San Mateo auxiliary, June 3, which was held at women's club in Burlingame. Mrs. Chilson was installing officer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Craddock have just returned from an extended eastern trip. They visited the New York fair and many other places of interest. Mrs. Craddock reports a most enjoyable trip and says she would not mind making it again.

Regular social day will be held at the clubhouse, June 19th, at 12:30 o'clock. Come out ladies and enjoy a splendid luncheon and a pleasant afternoon of cards. It is on our social days that we have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted.

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MRS. F. M. CHILSON,
Press Correspondent.

Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

On Tuesday evening, June 4, several members of No. 97 journeyed across the bay to visit our sister

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STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

by Hughie Rutledge

At a meeting held last Saturday by the entertainment committees, the chairman, who happens to be your correspondent appointed the following committees and sub-committees to take charge of the different arrangements for our big picnic to be held July 14th at La Honda park on the San Pablo dam road:

Grounds—Chairman High Parman; aides, Tiny Breakfield, Bob Belson, Lefty Hill, Elmo Wheeler, Curley Rhue, Tack Aliveras. Music—Chairman Cavanaugh; aides—Harry Shepherd, Frank Murray, C. Swihart, Herb Albers, Martin McGowan. Bar—Chairman Blackie Miller; aides—C. Myers, J. Angotti, Bill Maloney. Bingo and Wheels—Chairman Jess Myers; aides—Larry Kessel, Edmund Cummings, Ray Compton. Pop and Ice Cream—Chairman Al Wahlberg; aides—Babe Rutledge, Dee Breakfield, Frances Kessel, Irene Miller, Jean Myers, Rose Doyle, Ida Parman, Dot Wahlberg.

Races—Chairman Harry Thomas; aides—Ray Beguhl, Frank Dunn, George Kissel, Otto Petersen. Ball Games — Captains (single men) Johnnie Ornellas, (married men) Roland Young. Hot Dogs and Coffee—Chairman George Langraf; aides—Sven Forsberg, Ernie Mountain, P. V. Doyle.

As arrangements progress more committees will be appointed and any brother not on the above who wish to help will be put on the general committee under Chairman Rutledge.

Meeting Called Saturday

A general meeting of all chairmen and aides will be held in the labor temple on Saturday, July 13, at 1 p. m. for final instructions. Free tickets for members and guests will be available at the special called meetings of June 20th and June 27th. Don't forget the date and the place—July 14th at La Honda park, about three miles off the main highway on the road to the San Pablo reservoir. More information and programs of events will be published each week.

Much confusion and misinformation has been given out by various representatives concerning working in Contra Costa county. The district council has taken the following action in these cases. When going to work in Contra Costa county go to the office of the Richmond local if in that district or the Martinez local in that district. Pay the difference in dues of $1.50 and no more. If you are refused a clearance card go to work on the job anyway and if you are bothered call Rutledge at TWinoaks 2755 or GLencourt 2474. Stay on the job until he arrives. Contractors have been notified that they must employ all their men from that district. This is wrong information and the council has rendered the decision that an employer can hire any one from either county as long as he is a member of the council.

Don't forget the special called meetings for nomination and election of officers on June 20th and 27th.

RETURN OF I. T. U. IS SEEN SPEEDED

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, told newspapermen in an interview following the restoration of the charter of the international ladies' garment workers' union, that he believed the action taken by the I. L. G. W. U. greatly enhanced prospects of the return of the international typographical union to the house of American labor.

Asked whether he felt that the recent decision of the executive council to recommend changes to the next A. F. of L. convention as regards the one cent assessment for organizational purposes would speed the I. T. U.'s return, Mr. Green said:

"I think it meets their objection."

The New York Times and numerous other newspapers, in commenting upon the reaffiliation of the ladies' garment workers' union with the federation, were in general accord that the step taken by that organization greatly increases the likelihood of a prompt restoration of the I. T. U. to good standing.

Philadelphia Bakers Gain Wage Increases

An agreement providing wage increases for most of the 200 employes of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea company bakery, in Philadelphia, has been negotiated, Joseph Mahon, business agent of Local 492, bakery and confectionery workers' union, A. F. of L. affiliate, announced.

An average increase of about seven per cent will be given to most of the employes, eliminating previous inequalities among similar workers. The contract also provides a closed shop, vacation with pay and two 20-minute rest periods.

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COMMUNISTS, BUND MEMBERS, BARRED FROM CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

The United States civil service commission barred communists and members of the German-American bund from future employment in federal jobs covered by civil service.

The order came as congress speeded legislation to check fifth column activities in the United States.

A commission spokesman refused to elaborate on the commission's terse announcement:

"The United States civil service commission has decided officially that, as a matter of policy, it will not certify to any department or agency the name of any person when it has been established he is a member of the communist party, the German bund, or any other communist or nazi organization."

The order apparently would not affect those persons already in the government service who are found to be members of such organizations.

Garment Workers Invited Back in State Federation

State Secretary Wants Representation from Union at Convention

An invitation went forward today from Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur, of the California State Federation of Labor, to all California local unions of the international ladies' garment workers' union to immediately affiliate with the federation so that they may be represented at the next convention to be held in Santa Monica, in September.

Vandeleur hailed the decision of the national convention of the international ladies' garment workers' union to rejoin the American Federation of Labor as "the most important step toward labor peace taken since the 1935 split."

"The international ladies' garment workers' union has always been a force for progress in the California State Federation of Labor," Vandeleur said. "On behalf of the executive board and the entire membership of the A. F. of L., I invite their California locals to take their place in our ranks."

Hosiery Firm Fined On Wage Law Charge of Contempt

For ignoring a United States court order to pay workers in its southern branch plant at Etowah, Tenn., the prescribed minimum under the fair labor standards act of 1938, the Sports Wear Hosiery Mills, Inc., and two of its officers were fined $3,500 by Federal District Judge Harry E. Kalodner on a contempt of court citation. The officers and the company pleaded guilty to the contempt charges when arraigned on a citation issued by Philip B. Fleming, head of the U. S. labor department wage and hour division, who asserted that the company had continued to pay its employes at Etowah below the minimum standard despite an injunction issued by the federal court in April, 1939.

When the repair man enters your home, ask him for his union card. If he hasn't one don't allow him to do the job.

Judge Rules In Favor of Barbers' Int.

Revoking of Beauticians' Charter Is Upheld by Court; CIO Loses Again

After four months of litigation by attorneys for the California State Federation of Labor, two superior court judges upheld the right of the barbers' international union to suspend business agents and revoke the charter of the San Francisco beauticians' union, for CIO activity.

Suspension of the two business agents, Mrs. Louise Burke and John Barnes, was prompted by their CIO activities and affiliation with labor's non-partisan league. Charter of the local was revoked and its property and affairs placed in the custody of the international union, after the two suspended business agents tried to swing it into the CIO.

Agents Have No Cause for Action

CIO attorneys, representing the dual union faction, exhausted every legal avenue to gain control of the beauticians' union. In the case of the two business agents, a temporary restraining order against the international union was granted by Superior Judge Lazarus, without permitting attorneys for the California State Federation of Labor to argue its justice. This case was later assigned to Superior Court Judge Schotke who revoked the restraining order and ruled that the two business agents had "no cause for action."

Charter Is Revoked

The charter revocation case went through equally complicated legal procedure. Judge I. M. Golden granted the CIO a restraining order against the international union,

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Work Now Done in Factories

Sweatshoppers Find That It Pays to Deal Decently With Employes

Many sweatshoppers, to their great surprise, have found that by paying the 30-cent-an-hour minimum wage required by the wage-hour act, they can earn bigger profits than when they paid as little as 3 cents an hour.

That development was revealed this week by Colonel Philip B. Fleming. He pointed out that before the act was passed, many manufacturers, particularly in the garment field, farmed out their work to be done by families in their homes. The pay ran from 3 to 10 cents an hour.

After the 25-cent minimum (now 30 cents) became law, these employers dropped their homework systems, and concentrated all production in factories. They found that efficiency shot up so much that they could pay the higher scale and boost their profits at the same time, Fleming said.

Families benefited enormously, too, he explained. Previously, children pitched in with parents to do the homework, and all together only earned a pittance. Now, the father or son get paid more than the entire family did before, Fleming declared.

"As a consequence, industrial homework is disappearing," Fleming said. "Work that was formerly done in the family living room is moving back to the factory where it belongs."

Why Not Deport Jan Bata?

While we are debating necessary steps to deport "undesirable aliens," why not act on the case of Jan Bata, "Czechoslovakian shoe king," now operating a gigantic sweatshop near Baltimore.

Before quitting Czechoslovakia, Bata is said to have made his peace with the nazis. However that may be, there is no question that he has introduced a thoroughly un-American industrial system into this country and that he has repeatedly and brazenly defied the laws of the land.

Probably Bata considers he is safe because he is able to hire high-priced American lawyers to fight his battles in court and to lobby for him on the side. They may succeed in saving him, but on the record he has so far made, it would be difficult to find in this country a more "undesirable alien."

Unionism Booms at Shipbuilding Yards

Unionism is booming, both in the government navy yards and the private shipyards, labor chieftains revealed this week.

N. P. Alifas, president of the federal section of the international association of machinists, declared that union rolls are growing rapidly at nearly all of the government yards.

Membership campaigns are under way, and A. F. of L. metal trades unions have united their forces to sign up the new workers being added in line with the administration's expanded national defense program, Alifas pointed out.

Similar progress is being made among private shipbuilding companies, W. A. Calvin, secretary of the A. F. of L. metal trades department, announced.

"We already have all the west coast shipyards under contract, and we're conducting extensive organizing efforts at the Atlantic coast yards," he said. "Reports reaching headquarters show heartening gains everywhere."

A. F. of L. Backs National Defense

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, this week assailed totalitarian governments and pledged the support of union labor to the nation's defense.

Speaking before the annual convention of the American federation of musicians at Indianapolis, Green said:

"When the British government moves to Canada, the United States will be with them in the fight. Labor demands that the United States give everything needed to the allies. We hope and pray the allies will win."

After pledging that the federation would join in any conferences to avoid strikes which might handicap national defense, he warned:

"Employers also must deal fairly with labor. The standards we have achieved in recent years must be maintained. The federation will not be satisfied until every idle man is pressed into employment."

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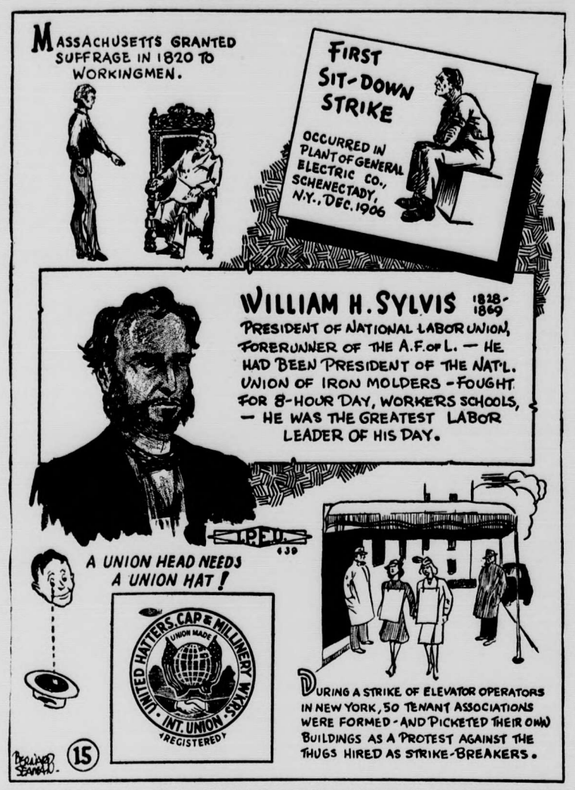
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auxiliary, No. 125 of San Francisco, on the occasion of their twenty-first birthday. President Christoffsen of No. 284 and President Feddersen, No. 97, were escorted to President Angela Gregory's chair and presented with very pretty corsages of gardenias. After a brief meeting an evening of entertainment and games were enjoyed. Refreshments were served and all present voted the evening a grand success.

Congratulations to the Auto Mechanics', No. 1546 tug of war team. They recently won first place in a tournament at Rodeo. Mr. R. Madsen is their coach. Seven other leading teams were also entered in the contest.

NOTES

Al Trimmer, son of Bob and Sister Georgina Trimmer, graduates this week from Bret Harte school to Fremont high school.

Sister Ida Willis is entertaining her sister from San Diego. If Sister Willis is able to travel she plans to return to San Diego for an extended visit with her sister.

Sister Alta Kimball has moved from Hayward back to Oakland. Her new address is 8033 Hillside street.

Sister Evelyne Gerholdt's nephew, Vernon Frane, recently graduated from Sequoia high school in Palo Alto.

PAST PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regular business meeting of the past presidents was held at the home of Mary Logue, Tuesday evening May 28th. Under the roll call Mary Jones, Agnes Hines, Anna Pettit, Josephine Madsen and Gladys Costa were noted absent.

Marie Dixon received a letter from Aurelia Nestler now residing in Texas, stating she arrived safely and telling of her trip.

Committee on Miller's cook book quiz was notified of the new broadcasting time 10:15 to 10:45 on KROW, Tuesday. Our time for broadcast participation is 10:15 to 10:45, Tuesday, June 18th. Those participating are President Ora Granter, Marie Dixon, Lorraine Metteer, and Tessie O'Leary. Margaret Grzelack will replace Marie Dixon, unable to participate.

Report of philantrophy chairman, Marie Dixon, indicates that nobody is forgotten if their needs are brought to attention.

President Ora Granter spoke of her luncheon and whist party. Tessie O'Leary spoke of the mystery box.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments were served. Pink sweetpeas were the flowers on the table. During the social hour the topic of the evening was the war in Europe and how it will affect conditions in this country. Next meeting at President Ora Granter's in June.

Tessie O'Leary, President,
Past Presidents' Club.

NOTES

Miss Dorothy Dixon, one of the younger set in the auxiliary, danced at Oakland high school and the Eastern Star's. She was a guest at the King's Daughters' convention, junior chapter of Presbyterian church held recently in the hotel Oakland.

Violet Nicholas was a visitor in Santa Cruz, Sunday.

Grand Lodge Officer Matt Nicholas, Virginia Nicholas and son, John, were visiting in Mountain View, Sunday.

John Nicholas will celebrate his birthday next Friday by graduating from Fremont high school. He will attend college and study law.

Leatrice Kille, daughter of Amy Kille, graduates from Alameda high school next Friday.

Mystery Sisters, don't forget "Dad" on Father's day, Sunday, June 16th.

Past presidents' meeting will be held, Tuesday, June 25th, 8 p. m., instead of Tuesday, June 18th at the home of President Ora Granter.

Mary Logue entertained the Jollyette Sewing club, Wednesday, May 29th, at her home on Adeline street, Berkeley. A delicious lunch was served.

NOTICE

Listen over KROW, Tuesday, June 18th, at 10:15 to 10:45. Past presidents will be on the air.

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War Clouds

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Whether to fight or maintain our neutrality seems to be the burning question of the hour. As individuals, so far removed from the actual inside workings of our government and the world, we must have faith in the integrity and intelligence of our president and congress.

Their decisions must have our wholehearted backing.

And once Washington makes these historic decisions, let no individual criticize them in these hazardous times. We must be a nation undivided . . . a nation with a singleness of purpose. For only as one people, the American people, can we hope to preserve the ideals, the freedom, that our forefathers gave their lives for.

Let the stars and stripes wave on high forever!

Election . . . Paint Makers

The annual election of regular officers will be held next Tuesday, June 18. Those members that are on night shift may cast their vote between 8:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. the day of the election in the union offices.

The only contested offices are:

Financial secretary - treasurer—John Dunlop and Gene Ranta; warden—Howard Kaul, Guy Kessler, Julius Frisch and Clarence Kline; trustee—Francis Miller and Vic Skarda.

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Sayings of the Sages:

It used to take a miracle to make a donkey speak;
Now it takes a miracle to prevent them from speaking.

Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

By SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

After reading an article in one of the San Francisco dailies attributed to Peter D. Kristich, manager of the state employment service, which stated jobs were in prospect for 50,000 residents of the bay district on national defense projects during this year, and that there would be work for 1,000 on or about June 15, and that arrangements were being made for 800 to 1,000 skilled and unskilled workers to go to Anchorage, Alaska on construction of the army barracks, I decided to investigate.

Included in this number of men would be ordinary laborers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and sheet metal workers.

In order to be in a position to learn definitely what the prospects were for members of our craft I got in touch with Mr. O'Hagan of the construction division of the quartermasters' department, Ft. Mason, San Francisco, who informed me that no further help would be needed at this time, and for the present they were not accepting any further applications.

I also learned that men were leaving Los Angeles for Honolulu, paying their own fare, and that the wage scale was $10 per day, $3 of which must be paid for subsistence. However, there is every reason to believe that within a very short period of time additional skilled help will be required by the federal government, and it is quite probable that when that time comes around we may have the available men who would be desirous of accepting employment on any one of the federal government projects.

For the present there is enough work locally to keep all of our members steadily employed, and unless something of an unforseen nature occurs, local men would not be compelled to seek employment outside of their own boundaries. However, should our services be required for work of governmental nature, members of Local Union No. 444 will not be found wanting.

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PROGRESS AT THE ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR BASE
by TOM KELLY

A couple of nice sized contracts were let this week for the naval supply base, which is connected with the Alameda naval air base.

The N. P. Severin company of Chicago, was the low bidder for the construction of four warehouses. Their bid was $1,045,000.

The M. H. Golden Contracting company of San Diego were awarded the contract for the construction of a marginal wharf on their bid of $608,000. Work on both of these jobs will start very soon.

On the air base, the R. J. Raisch Contracting company received the contract for the concrete paving that will run between the hangars and the bay. The bid, which won them the contract, was $168,000. This will be quite a large job of paving and will mean a lot of work. It will take three or four months to complete the job.

Mr. P. S. Harless, the superintendent, said that they will start working on this new job in a day or so. He also stated that he would like to have the same crew that worked for him on the runways work with him again on this contract.

This week the senate appropriated another seven million dollars for the naval base which will bring the total cost up to twenty million dollars. Now we should see plenty of action.

Bids have already been called for on four additional hangars, street paving, and also for machinery and equipment.

The K. E. Parker Contracting company started work on another of their jobs, the paint and oil storage house, this week. Charles Prenzer is the superintendent in charge. This is to be a one-story, concrete building and will cost $25,000 to complete. They have between 18 and 20 of our men now working on the job.

The W. P. Fuller Paint and Glass company have the contract installing the glass on the K. E. Parker jobs, and believe me, this is quite a job. There are approximately 80,000 to 90,000 panes of glass to be installed. This work is being done by members of Local 169 of the glass workers' union. The crew consists of six men at the present time.

The Johnson, Drake and Piper company have finished pouring the concrete on the machine test building. They made their last pour early this week. This is only a one-story building and will cost around $50,000 when finished.

The M. H. Golden Contracting company who have the contract for the officers' barracks will be able to put on quite a number of our men in a few days. The pile drivers are far enough ahead now so that they can proceed with the work.

MILITARY TRAINING DEMANDED FOR CCC

Legislation converting the civilian conservation corps into military training camps was introduced in the senate this week by Senator Tom Connally (Dem., Tex.).

The proposal, it is expected, will be vigorously opposed by James J. McEntee, director of the CCC and a member of the international association of machinists.

Recently, when before the house appropriations committee, McEntee was asked whether he favored military training in CCC camps, either voluntary or otherwise, and answered:

"No sir; unless congress says we must. Before it does that, I would like very much to appear before the committee considering it. It is impractical and too costly."

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WAGNER ACT HELPS 6,000,000 WORKERS

Impressive Record of Achievements Recited by National Labor Relations Bd.

Over 5,000,000 workers have sought protection of the Wagner act since it was passed four and one-half years ago, a national labor relations board roundup revealed this week.

Cases handled have reached 27,555, and of these 24,338 have been disposed of, the board said. Board activity helped settle 2,045 strikes and averted 824 others, the review showed.

Over 270,000 workers were reinstated after strikes and lockouts as a result of board action, and nearly 20,000 others who had been fired for union membership were put back at their jobs.

Secret elections conducted by the board have run to 3,036 and 1,127,732 employes voted in them.

More About the Barbers

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also without permitting California State Federation of Labor attorneys to argue against it. The case was later assigned to Superior Judge I. L. Harris for hearing, who at first ruled in favor of the CIO. A stay of execution was obtained by the California State Federation of Labor, and further hearings were held. After all the evidence was presented, Judge Harris reversed his original decision, and threw the CIO case out of court.

"The California State Federation of Labor entered this case because of its precedent-making scope and importance to the American Federation of Labor," officers of the federation said.

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